

Quartzfest 2026 Event List

We're planning the usual Opening Ceremony at 1300 Sunday. Daily happenings include morning and evening campfires, morning and noon net, special event station (GOTA), license testing, and Happy Hour (with Ham Olympics and Daily Prizes). We'll have the usual Pot Luck Dinner and, of course, a closing ceremony.

These events are currently planned--more will be added over the next couple months (see the second list below). Days and times will be added later--in January, the daily schedules will be posted here.

Everything is tentative. Some presenters are not sure of their schedules. Although we're starting with a new moon, the Dark Sky Night depends on weather issues.

3D Printing	Alan Biocca	W6AKB
A Simple Homebrew Hamstick Dipole	Dave Smith	W6DPS
Activating 74 Parks in 47 States in 3 Months	John Kitchens	NS6X
All About LEDs	Roger Deane	KD6CNY
Antenna Design	Tom Schiller	N6BT
Arizona ARRL Section Manager Forum	Rick Paquette	W7RAP
ARRL Instructor Seminar	Gordon West	WB6NOA
ARRL SW Division Forum	Dick Norton	N6AA
Beginning Genealogy	Michelle Hedgepeth	K7MGO
Beginning Metal Detectors: A "How To"	Gordon West	WB6NOA
Cast Iron Cooking	Rick Paquette	W7RAP
Crocheting	Marcia DeRuntz	KG6FIX
Dark Sky Night	Alan Kopp	AK9K
Does a Hamstick Dipole Work?	Bill Mader	K8TE
E-Bike and Mountain Bike Maintenance	John Boothroyd	AA1SQ
Ferrite is Your Friend	Bill Mader	K8TE
First Aid--Stop the Bleed	Michelle Pelkey	KA7OQQ
Generator, Electrical, Solar	Jerry Brown	K06GB
Gordo's Welcome Seminar	Gordon West	WB6NOA
HandiHams	Marcia DeRuntz	KG6FIX
HF Antennas and Propagation	Bill Mader	K8TE
Hootenanny	Russ Decker	KB6YAF
How to Pass a Ham Exam	Rick Paquette	W7RAP
Jam Session and Hootenanny Practice	Russ Decker	KB6YAF
Making 200 Contacts Per Hour Operating an SES	Bill Mader	K8TE
Meshtastic vs. MeshCore: Repeaters, Flood Routing, and Reliable	Nick Newsom	K7CFO
Mesh Communications		
Nano VNA	Dave Smith	W6DPS

Off Road Adventure	Frank Engstrom	KB7IQ
Pet Parade	Lyn Weed	KJ7DSE
Pneumatic Antenna Launching	Alan Biocca	W6AKB
POTA: Drive to KOFA Park	Nancy Crowley	KD7S
Recruiting and Retaining new Hams	Stiv Ostenberg	K9STV
RV Gas/Electric Refrigerator Safety and Troubleshooting.	Paul and Mao	(none)
Solar Walkabout	Frank Fox	AF0XX
SOTA Hike to Cunningham Peak	Javi Beltran	K6TNT
The State QSO Party Challenge	Bill Mader	K8TE
Trip to Town and the RV & Rock Shows		
Winter Improvements in Your Shack	Bill Mader	K8TE
Work the Space Station Repeater	Gordon West	WB6NOA
YLRL Meeting & Presentation	Vicki Zumwalt	N6KLS

If you have corrections or comments on the above, or if you would like to present an event, email Don Kelly, WA6ZMT, at quartzfest@qrv.ht.

If you'd like to present, here are some suggested topics—add your own:

Antenna Walkabout
 APRS Practical Uses
 Changing to LED Bulbs in your Tail Lights
 Contesting Basics
 Counterpoise vs. Radials--Practical Uses
 Crafts
 CW Nets to Build your Code Speed
 Digital TV
 DMR Network Systems and Digital Hotspots (KF6HV FCC = Elmer Darrough expired 1/18/2004)
 D-STAR
 DX Distance Challenge
 Flat Tire Fixes Without Removing the Wheel
 Frozen Hot Water Anodes--Live Demo
 Frozen lug nuts live demo
 FT8
 GMRS for Ham Radio Operators
 Go Fly a Kite
 Ground Mat Design for Your Antenna
 Grounding and Bonding
 Ham Courses in Zoom Sessions
 Ham Stick Dipole
 HF Mobile RV Antenna Ideas
 HF Propagation--Fact vs. Hype
 How to Contact DX or Contest Stations

Intro to Fusion 360 for 3D Printing
Intro to NVIS and Antennas
Introduction to SOTA and Types of Equipment
Ladies Should Learn to Protect Themselves
Land Ops
Lightning Protection for Your Home
Lithium Iron Phosphate Batteries
Lost and Need Help? Try What3Words
Making Your Club Relevant
National Radio Astronomy Observatory (VLA)
Offgrid Plug-and-Play Comms Platform
Off-Grid Solar for EmComm and Fun
Pico Balloon Launch
Portable Ops for POTA or SOTA
Radiosonde Recovery Fun
Red Cross Ready
Shade from Awnings
Square Dancing Basics--Allemande left! Dosey Doe!
SSTV from ISS
Starlink 101: A Practical Guide for Amateur Radio Operators and
Emergency Communicators
Survival
SWR Readings--But How Good is your Signal
Tire Tracks when Stuck in the Mud or Sand--Live Demo
Tracking Noise Sources in your RV
Traveling with Four Paws
Tune in the Space Station Going By at Quartzfest
TX on HF and the Windshield Wipers Start Dancing
USCG AUX Communications
Water Temp Watching up a Long Grade
What is Fox Hunting all About?
Which Towing Service is Best?
Windows 10 upgrades
YouTube Elmer Forum